

## POLISH JEW, PARENTS SLAIN BY NAZIS, FATHER OF TRIPLETS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Israel—A Polish Jew all of whose relatives but a brother and sister were murdered by the Nazis was the father this week of triplets, believed to be the first in Israel since proclamation of the Jewish State.

David Joskowitz was born near Lodz and escaped to Russia after the Nazi butchers occupied Poland. His sister and brother managed also to escape and are now in Israel.

The two infant girls and a boy were reported progressing nicely as was the mother. The babies each weighed six and a half pounds at birth.

## Won't Withdraw Resignation

## Silver Speech Hints Return To Active Role In Agency Fight

National Jewish Post  
NEW YORK—Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who has been steadily withdrawing from all Zionist activity since the Zionist Organization of America lost its fight against the Jewish Agency in U. S. fund-raising, predicted this week that "I will win out on this in a year or so."

The statement, which he made in a talk at the Forum on Jewish Affairs in Philadelphia, was the first indication that the famous Zionist leader had any specific plans for a battle to regain his formerly tremendous influence in both U. S. and world Zionism.

He made the statement in the course of an explanation of his resignation as chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency last February. He said he did not think that the Agency had the right to tell American Jewry who should be the head of the United Jewish Appeal.



The reference SILVER was to the decision of the Jewish Agency executive, holding its first plenary session in the United States, to bow to the demands of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and accept Henry Monitor as top man for the 1949 UJA drive. Monitor is a mortal enemy of the present administration of the ZOA.

"Each Jewish group should be autonomous as to how it wishes to serve Israel, with perhaps, the World Zionist Organization acting as a coordinating body," Dr. Silver told the Philadelphia audience. "I lost out on this issue a few weeks back, but I will win out on this in a year or so."

In New York, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, outgoing president of the ZOA, made it plain that neither he nor Dr. Silver intend to withdraw their resignations. Dr. Neumann resigned with Dr. Silver. (NJP, Feb. 18).

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Manhattan region of the ZOA, Dr. Neumann said both he and Rabbi Silver had been under considerable pressure to withdraw their resignations.

Much of that pressure has originated in Jerusalem from the

meeting of the World Zionist Actions Committee, top World Zionist body between sessions of the World Zionist Congress.

Dr. Neumann said that there would be no withdrawals "because there has been no clarification of the issue involving administrative autonomy of our organization."

The ZOA leaders took the position during the fight that the action of the Agency executive was an unwarranted interference in the internal affairs of the ZOA, which then controlled the United Palestine Appeal, largest agency in the United Jewish Appeal.

Dr. Silver appealed to his Philadelphia audience for all-out support of the 1949 UJA drive.

There were reports, however, that a determined drive was under way to persuade him to change his mind about resigning from the American Zionist Council. (Details inside.)

## 3 U.S. JEWS BACK FROM ISRAEL TO FACE ARMS SMUGGLE CHARGE

National Jewish Post  
LOS ANGELES—Three American Jews who have just returned from the battlefields of Israel surrendered to authorities here this week to answer a federal indictment charging them with sending war materials to Israel.

They were Al Schwimmer of Los Angeles, and William Sosnow of Brooklyn.

Ten leading Jewish organizations issued a statement on behalf of the defendants, pointing out that they are accused of aiding victims of aggression.

The organizations were the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, Labor Zionist Organization, Mizrahi, Synagogue Council of America; the Revisionist Zionists and the Zionist Organization of America.

The indictment against the three was the second returned by a federal grand jury in alleged

## Coalition Gives CPZ Key Posts In Next Administration, Report

By MARC H. TANENBAUM

National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK—The opposition Committee for Progressive Zionism will get half the posts on the powerful Inner Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, the chairmanship of the national administrative council, four of ZOA vice presidencies, and the treasurer's post in the next ZOA administration, The Post was reliably informed this week.

Official sources kept a tight clamp on the details of the sweeping peace agreement between the CPZ and the ZOA administration but the reports came from usually trustworthy sources.

According to those sources, the CPZ will also get a majority of the 12 posts on the 40-man executive which are named by the president. The rest are picked by ZOA regions.

Other plums may go to the opposition, it was reported, since some details of the proposed coalition for the next administration still are under study.

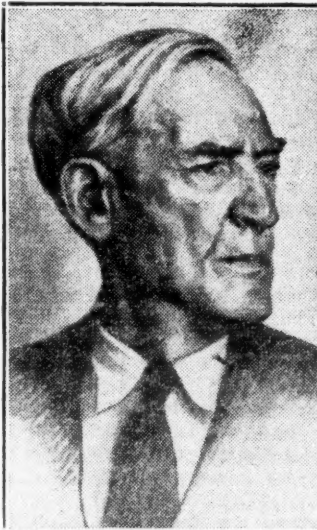
Rudolph Sonneborn, of New York, one of the CPZ architects, is slated to head the administrative council. Louis Lipsky, one of the most bitter foes of the present administration, is also slated for a top post in the next administration, it was learned.

### Miller For AZC

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the administrative council, and an administration man, is the coalition choice for head of the American Zionist Council, it was reported. Mortimer May, Nashville, Tenn., ZOA vice president, is the choice for chairman of the executive. He is an administrative man.

With most of the top posts thus generally agreed on, there was speculation about Lipsky's role. The rumors were that he would be pushed for a spot on the American section of the Jewish Agency.

The Inner Committee, the administrative council and the



LOUIS LIPSKY  
Slated For ZOA Power

executive are the three ruling bodies of the world's largest Zionist organization.

Harry Levine of Leominster, Mass., a member of the ZOA executive, will get the treasurer's post.

The successful bid for unity promised a relatively harmonious 52nd annual convention here next week. Officials of the ZOA were preparing for an expected attendance of 2,000 delegates and alternates from some 800 ZOA districts.

Daniel Frisch, the coalition candidate for the presidency, was credited with a major role in the push toward a workable peace pact between the CPZ and the ZOA.

### Whole Session For Future

Jacques Torczyner, administration stalwart and chairman of the convention committee, said an entire session of the three-day convention will be devoted to the report on reorientation prepared by a special committee headed by Judge Simon F. Rifkind.

Frisch said he will start a concentrated effort toward closer relations between the ZOA and the Israeli Government. He made the statement at a press conference with the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press.

He said that immediately after the convention, he and a committee of ZOA leaders will go to Israel to meet with Premier David Ben-Gurion and other Israeli officials to clarify

and strengthen relations.

He said the next ZOA administration will set up an "American House" in Israel through which the Israeli will become better acquainted with American Zionists.

### ZOA Wants Charter

He said the ZOA commission will seek a "charter" from the Israeli Government outlining specific projects which the ZOA would be invited to undertake in cooperation with the Israeli Government.

For the U.S. front, Frisch proposed a special Yiddish department to aid the thousands of new immigrants coming to the U.S. who are not affiliated with any Zionist group.

Depending on available funds, Frisch said he hoped to launch a widespread cultural and educational program among U.S. Jews. In reply to a question, Frisch admitted some Jewish education circles strongly opposed ZOA "interference" in existing education setups, but he added he hoped a "common" ground could be worked out.

### Tribute To Silver

Paying special tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Frisch said Silver must not be lost to Zionist circles and that no effort should be spared to return him to a position of influence on the U.S. scene.

He promised all possible aid to the United Jewish Appeal from the forthcoming administration.

## Talmud Expert Dies In N. Y. At 78

NEW YORK — Dr. Chaim Tchernowitz, a leading authority on Talmudic law, author and founder and editor of the American Hebrew monthly, Bitzaron, died this week at his home here at the age of 78.

Professor Emeritus of Talmud at the Jewish Institute of Religion, he was born in Lithuania and ordained in 1896 by Rabbi Isaac Elchanon of Kovno.

He founded a rabbinical college in Kovno which pioneered in the study of secular matters in Hebrew. He remained at the Odessa Yeshiva until 1912, when he went to Europe for various studies and came to the U. S. in 1923 to become Professor of Talmud at the JIR.

## Israeli Officials In France Turn Back Group Of N. African Jews

PARIS—Jewish emigration authorities at Marseilles have sent back to North Africa a group of Jews in the first reported Israeli ban against Jews seeking entrance to the Jewish State.

The Paris correspondent of the JEWISH CHRONICLE of London quoted Israeli spokesmen at Marseilles as saying that the decision was taken to stop the unorganized and growing exodus from North Africa.

It was the first time since the Jewish State was proclaimed and flung open its doors to homeless Jews that a distinction had been set up between Jews

coming by organized means and those coming regardless of difficulties.

The arrival of large numbers of unauthorized emigrants at Marseilles, the Israeli told the correspondent, had added to a serious housing problem at the port, the main one for embarkation for Israel.

Reports had been coming for weeks that the unprecedented flow of immigrants from Europe and the North African countries was overwhelming the Jewish State.

Both President Chaim Weizmann and Premier David Ben-Gurion have insisted, however, that no

barriers would be put up against the inpouring emigrants. But reports have arisen that the steadily rising rate, now better than 1,000 a day, may be beyond all available capacity of Israel for absorption.

Israeli officials in Marseilles told the CHRONICLE correspondent that offices have been set up in Algiers and Tunis to control and regulate the North African Jews fleeing from lives of squalor and oppression.

The Israeli spokesman said that the act was intended as a warning to other North African Jews who planned to emigrate without authorization.



## A Digest of the Yiddish Press

### POLISH JEWESS ASKS AID IN FIGHT TO GET BACK BAPTIZED CHILD

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

**T**HE shriek of a broken-hearted mother is sounded in one of Chaim Lieberman's columns in the FORWARD. The mother is a Polish woman who was forced to abandon her baby girl when the Nazis came. Living in the woods and caves outside of the city of Janau-Lubelski, she was able to ascertain that her child was adopted and baptized by a wealthy Polish farmer. After the Nazis retreated, the mother sought to retrieve her child, furnishing evidence for her claim.

A court granted her claim, but the Polish farmer refused to yield the girl. Suddenly, the Kielce pogrom broke out, and the mother and her second husband (her first died in the Warsaw ghetto) were forced to leave, eventually reaching Canada.

She appealed to a dozen Jewish and international agencies for help, but without avail. She wrote a letter to the Pope, without receiving a reply. She wrote a second letter to the Vatican. Still no answer.

In desperation, she wrote to Lieberman, who reprints her heart-rending letter to Rome. Lieberman calls upon the Jewish mothers of America to aid this

distressed mother. "There are many women's organizations . . . Get together . . . Start a movement to rescue this Jewish child . . . Raise up your voices. Go to Mrs. Roosevelt and tell her the dreadful story. Win the help of Christian women. Appeal to Cardinal Spellman," urges Lieberman. The agonized mother is Rachel Besserman, 403 Spadina Ave., Toronto.

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#### Reform Congregation Sponsors Yiddish School

Believe it or not, a Reform Jewish congregation is the sponsor of a school where Yiddish is being taught. The school is in Alexandria, a suburb of Johannesburg, South Africa, and the sponsoring congregation is headed by Rabbi Moses Weiler, a graduate of the Hebrew Union College. Two hundred students have been enrolled in the school, we learn from Eliezer Blum in the JOURNAL.

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#### But What Will UN Membership Cost Israel?

The Yiddish newspapers used their largest headlines, of course, to announce the admission of Israel into the UN, and every paper gave glow-by-glow descriptions of the ceremonies, personalities and festivities in evidence when the great event took place.

The JOURNAL's S. L. Shneiderman remained sober enough to wonder how much money the honor was going to cost Israel.

## Harold Goldenberg, Ranking U. S. Jewish Leader, Opens Business In Israel, Plans to Settle There

MINNEAPOLIS—Harold J. Goldenberg, who had emerged during the past year as one of the coming young leaders in American Jewish communal life, has completed plans to settle in Israel, it was disclosed this week.

Louis Greene, writing in his column, "I'll Tell the World," in the American Jewish WORLD, reported that Goldenberg plans to open his new home in Rehovoth within three weeks.

Goldenberg told Greene he was optimistic about his new business there—cultivating castor bean bushes to manufacture chemicals and plastics.



Goldenberg

Goldenberg, who holds several top posts in Zionist and communal agencies in the U.S., left for Israel last week.

He was a leader in the Committee of Contributors, a group of large givers who organized a successful fight to strip the Zionist Organization of America of control over the United Palestine Appeal, largest constituent agency of the United Jewish Appeal.

He also was a member of the executive of the 'Committee for Progressive Zionism, formal internal opposition to the present leadership of the ZOA.

He recently was elected to the board of the Palestine Economic Corp., an investment agency for Israel and was a national officer of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and the UJA.

### Israeli Flag Flies In Hamburg

HAMBURG (JTA)—The flag of Israel flew in Hamburg this week for the first time as some 10,000 persons gathered to witness the unveiling of a monument to victims of the Nazis. The flags of all nations whose citizens died in Nazi concentration camps were unfurled over the Ohlsdorf Cemetery where the monument was erected.

### Lebanese Jews To Go to Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA)—A number of Jewish families living in Lebanon will be permitted to emigrate to Israel as a result of an agreement reached at the last meeting of the mixed Israeli-Lebanese armistice commission, it was learned here this week. The number of families, or other details of the exchange, have not been revealed.

### Stateless Jew Arrives In Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel—Sidney Stanley, the stateless Jew whom neither Great Britain nor his native Poland wanted, arrived at Haifa last week, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported.

He was one of more than 3,000 immigrants arriving on the Israeli steamship, S. S. Atzmauth.

Stanley was the key figure in an investigation of corruption in British governmental circles to such a degree that the British Jewish community talked about applying communal sanctions against him.

He was twice refused a visa by the Israel government and threatened to start suit to win entry on grounds that the tentative Israeli constitution specifically permits entry of any Jew who wishes to come.

Subsequently a visa was granted amid considerable debate in the Israeli press. There were reports that influential American Zionists had a hand in persuading Israeli officials to allow Stanley to come.

### Israel Gets Seat In World Ski Body

OSLO, Norway—Israel and Lebanon were among eight nations admitted this week into full membership in the International Ski Federation.

The vote paved the way for the two Middle East nations to participate in the 1952 Winter Olympic games. Previously both had been provisional members.

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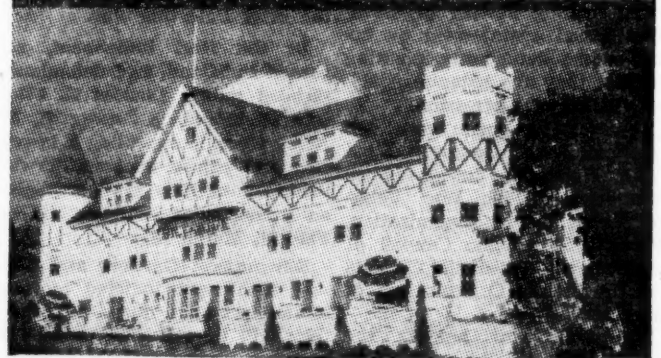
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## Miller Suggested As Candidate

## Battle Underway In U.S. Zionism To Return Silver As AZEC Head

NEW YORK—Considerable maneuvering to retain Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as chairman of the American Zionist Council, formerly the American Zionist Emergency Council, occurred this week as elections for the coming year were postponed to mid-June.

The Post learned from authoritative sources that concerted effort was made by some members of the Zionist Organization of America to persuade Dr. Silver to accept re-election as AZC chairman.

The American Zionist Council is to continue as the political and public relations spokesman for all U. S. Zionist groups. Also to be chosen in mid-June are a vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer.



MILLER

Dr. Silver reportedly declined for both personal and political reasons. The uneasy relation between ZOA leaders and the American section of the Jewish Agency were considered one of the major factors in Dr. Silver's stand.

He also was quoted as having told a friend that he is sorely in need of a rest and therefore did not wish to continue as AZC chairman.

## Miller Gets Backing

The ZOA was reported to have decided to back the candidacy of Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the ZOA national administrative council, who headed the AZEC committee on reorganization.

At a nominating meeting scheduled for Thursday this week, representatives of the Mizrahi (religious) Zionist Organization reportedly opposed Miller's candidacy on grounds that strong and aggressive leadership will be needed to fight for autonomy of U. S. Zionist bodies at the next World Zionist Congress slated for this summer.

Mizrahi reportedly insisted that either Dr. Silver or Dr. Emanuel Neumann, outgoing ZOA president, hold the top post in the Zionist Council.

Hadassah, The Post learned, came out for Judge Simon H. Rifkind, a ZOA leader, although he is not a member of the American Zionist Council, whose officials insist that only a member of that body could hold office in it.

## LZO Wants New Setup

The Labor Zionist Organization recommended setting up a coalition leadership, with LZO and Hadassah predominating. The ZOA and Hadassah each

have five representatives now. The Mizrahi and LZO each have four.

An informed source told The Post that this election was of major importance because the future of all U. S. Zionist parties will depend on the strength or weakness of AZC leadership.

Until now, the AZC has resisted all efforts to have its autonomy whittled down by the Jewish Agency, although it has already submitted to a reduction in its sphere of activity.

According to Rabbi Miller, the Zionist Council has agreed to limit its services to the maintenance of its Washington office, the research bureau, the American Christian Palestine Committee, and the publication PALESTINE.

Dr. Neumann recently said at a national executive committee meeting that if the Zionist Council were made an "appendage" of the Jewish Agency, the ZOA would be forced to set up its own public relations machinery.

## COUNCIL DP PROTEGE AT HUC REPUDIATED BY STUDENT ASS'N

CINCINNATI, O.—The Rabbinic Student Association at Hebrew Union College this week repudiated the anti-Zionist views of the Polish refugee maintained at the institution by the American Council for Judaism.

Disclosure that the Council is providing for a student at HUC and the University of Cincinnati as "both a human and an ideological investment" was made by Rabbi Elmer Berger, Council executive director, at the anti-Zionists fifth annual conference in Chicago last month.

Rabbi Berger told the conference that the Council obtained a student visa for Magnus Krynski, a Polish refugee who went to Palestine but decided he did not want to live there.

"As a former resident of Palestine and as an anti-Zionist, his viewpoint has commanded considerable respect among both the students and some of the faculty of Hebrew Union College," Rabbi Berger told the conference. "He has actually obtained several Council members from among his fellow-students." (NJP April

## Truman May Visit Israel, Says Ziprin

NEW YORK—President Truman has told close friends that if he makes a trip to Europe, he will visit Israel, Nathan Ziprin reported this week in his Seven Arts column, "Off the Record."

## London Jews Protest New Fascist Attacks

LONDON — Jewish groups joined in sharp protests this week to the British Government for drastic action to stop continuing attacks by fascist groups, such as the one that recently sent two 16-year-old Jewish youths to the hospital with severe injuries.

A demonstration was held by a group of Jewish women before the official residence of Prime Minister Clement Attlee, who was away when the women arrived at 10 Downing Street.

This week hooligans attacked two Jewish girls, pummeling them and using vile language. The latest attack also occurred in the Dalton Jewish district of London.

The Hackney Trades Council, representing the trade unions of the borough, voted this week to send a deputation to Home Secretary James Chuter Ede to protest the growing attacks by hoodlums identified as followers of Oswald Mosley.

## Recognize Valor of Fighting Israeli

## Cincinnati Chapter of Council Hails Israel First Anniversary

CINCINNATI, O.—The Cincinnati chapter of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism joined with the rest of U. S. Jewry in hailing the first anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

The Cincinnati chapter was believed to be the only one of the Council's 50 local units to take the unprecedented step, proclaimed in a substantial advertisement in the Cincinnati ISRAELITE, top Cincinnati Anglo-Jewish weekly.

"Greetings," was the headline on the advertisement, "The Cincinnati Chapter of the American Council for Judaism extends greetings to the independent State of Israel on the first anniversary of its establishment."

Sparkplug of the gesture of amity was believed to be Dr. Leon Saks, energetic, hard-working president of the chapter. He recently accepted membership on the executive campaign committee of the United Jewish Appeal Welfare campaign for 1949 in Cincinnati. (NJP April 15).

## Saks Has Ideas

The youthful dentist was reported a strong supporter at the Council's fifth annual conference in Chicago last month for greater participation by the Council in local Jewish communal affairs.

"We recognize and appreciate the great service which the new nation's policy of unrestricted Jewish immigration has performed for thousands of displaced and persecuted Jews in Europe and elsewhere," the statement said.

"Without lessening this genuine enthusiasm and praise for the valor and work of the Israeli, the Council takes its firm stand against the wave of Jewish nationalism now threatening to engulf the Jews of America and their institutions."

## Worrying About Nationalism

"This nationalism implies that Jews can be secure only temporarily in parts of the world other than Israel and that they should become a voluntary national group in America, and that their true homeland is in Israel—even though this attitude is to the detriment not only of integration in America but also to Jewish institutions in America."

"Possibly, at the moment, the American Council for Judaism may be a minority. But it seeks to

hold in check such excesses of zeal of such others in America who the Council believes to be in error.

"The Council will continue this policy with a friendliness equal to its determination and with continued esteem and friendship for the State of Israel."

"We ask the blessing of God on the State of Israel," the statement concluded, and then added a portion of a Council resolution adopted at the Chicago conference: "that the citizens of Israel and those who, in the future may seek to rebuild their lives there, may enjoy life, liberty and happiness such as we in America have enjoyed for generations."

Despite the customary stand against Jewish nationalism, the Cincinnati chapter statement was in sharp contrast with national Council policy. Since U.S. recognition of Israel, the Council's position has been one of rigid neutrality toward a foreign state and complete silence on any recognition of the brilliant record of the Israeli in defense and state building in the midst of war.

The Cincinnati chapter's statement of "genuine enthusiasm and praise for the valor and work of the Israeli" was believed to be the only such announcement in Council public statements.

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STATE OF ISRAEL BADLY NEEDS  
ZOA FOR MANY VITAL REASONS

By M. Z. FRANK

THERE is nothing pretty in the fact that when the important events took place at the United Nations, the man who first presented the Jewish case with such drama and such dignity, was not there.

As these lines are being typed, the merits of the internal struggle within the Zionist movement are being debated at the Actions Committee or General Council of the Zionist movement, now meeting in Jerusalem. Since May 14, 1949, the importance of that body has become less than it was. It is even less because Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is not there.

In the cause we have all known as Zionism, it is the government of Israel that is in the driver's seat, and rightly so. The Jewish Agency, the executive body of the Zionist organization of the world, is no longer the body it used to be. Out of the old Agency emerged the Provisional Government, like a chick hatched out of an egg. The new Agency formed after the last meeting of the Actions Committee in Israel last fall has not yet proven its usefulness. It demand authority, but it has not yet evolved any concrete plans to justify that authority. The Jewish Agency can claim authority only if it is in a position to do what the government cannot do; if it can do it better; or if it can take some burdensome tasks, off the hands of the government of Israel.

But the Jewish Agency can function well only if it adequately represents some mass organization like the Zionist movement. It may, it probably should, attract some important non-Zionists to itself and give them a voice. But a vigorous Zionist movement is indispensable. The constituent Zionist bodies, on their part, must be useful, must have definite functions.

DURING THE TEN MONTHS of its existence, which were easily the most eventful months in Israel, when history moved a century a day, the Jewish Agency did little to take any important tasks off the hands of the government. When the crisis came, the result is an Agency which does not represent the most important Zionist section outside of Israel—the ZOA. The ZOA is confronted by the problem of where it is going to turn next.

Thus the whole Zionist movement in the world, from the Jewish Agency down, is at the crossroads, but history these days is not waiting for any man, or any body of men.

The Government of Israel cannot afford to bide its time. If it does, it will go under with the State. Its interests are identical with what we are in the habit of calling Zionism. Jewish survival in America and a high degree of Jewish culture among American Jews are also within the interests of the State of Israel. But those are not its most urgent tasks.

The State of Israel needs gift contributions, industrial investments, human material, trained social workers, trained technicians and engineers. It can get all of these more easily by a direct appeal to various Jewish groups and individuals in America who are in a position to help than by an appeal through the Jewish Agency or any of its constituent Zionist bodies. There is little that any of those bodies, such as the ZOA, can give it in that respect.

THERE IS ONE THING that the ZOA or any other Zionist body can give to Israel which others cannot: an organized body of constant and tried friends. It can act as a leaven, as a co-ordinator, as a spark-plug.

Zionists feel that without their role as a leaven, the current enthusiasm of former non-Zionists will soon die down. But that is a thesis which cannot be proven black on white. There are men in the government who feel that they can for a long time maintain enough pro-Israeli sentiment among all sections of American Jewry without depending too much on organized Zionists. The latter often annoy the government by claiming a say in the affairs of Israel.

Probably, as a result of the present Actions Committee meeting, the Jewish Agency will not be liquidated or reduced to impotence. It may be given another chance to show what it can do. Whatever happens to the Agency, individual Zionist bodies can still go on working and proving their usefulness. This applies to the ZOA. Its activities must be planned with the new situation in mind.

They must be planned and organized in such a way that there is no mistake about the importance of the ZOA as a leaven and a co-

Atlanta Rabbis Ask Jews Not to Buy Kosher Foods  
At Two Stores Which Refused To Close Saturdays

National Jewish Post

ATLANTA—The Atlanta Rabbinat announced this week that two stores which have remained open on Saturday despite repeated appeals are not kosher and asked Atlanta Jewry not to buy products requiring kosher preparation in those stores.

The statement appeared in the Bulletin of the Ahavath Achim synagogue and was signed by Rabbis Joseph Cohen, Harry H. Epstein, Hyman B. Friedman and Tobias Geffen.

"We have appealed time and time again to the Gold Brothers and to Harold Siegel, to close their shops on the Sabbath as long as they maintain kosher signs, but they have refused to abide by our requirements," the statement said.

The rabbis declared they had to insist that merchants who advertise that their markets are kosher must hold to traditional religious code.

They said it was their "sad duty to announce that we do not consider the markets operated by the two owners as Kosher shops and we request our people to refrain from purchasing in these markets any meats, delicatessen or other products that require Kosher preparation."

They added that "Kosher-style shops were to be considered absolutely non-Kosher."

The statement touched on the possibility of a city ordinance to deal with Kashrut violations and said "it would be a simple matter to follow the example of other large communities" and get such an ordinance.

"But we feel that this is solely a matter for the rabbis and the Jewish people of our community and not for the police courts," the statement said. "We know that our people have sufficient confidence in the integrity of their rabbis to abide by their decisions."

Synagogue School Has  
Kosher Lunchroom

LONDON—A school restaurant, providing strictly kosher meals for 200 children, was in operation this week by the West Ham District Synagogue.

The Jewish Community was congratulated by several speakers, at the consecration of the center, for its initiative in organizing the service.

L. A. JCC Drops  
Aid To Release-Time

LOS ANGELES—(NJP)—The Los Angeles Jewish Community Council announced withdrawal of support this week of the released-time program in local schools.

The decision ended a lengthy debate within the JCC's Community Relations Committee over the advisability of the move. Some Los Angeles Jewish leaders felt the move might have repercussions on relations with the non-Jewish community.

JDC Closes Shop  
In Bulgaria

NEW YORK — (JTA) — The Joint Distribution Committee announced this week that it has ceased operations in Bulgaria and closed its office in Sofia. Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman, reported that less than 4,000 Jews remain in Bulgaria at present out of a postwar population of 48,000, while all but 1,000 of these still remaining in the country plan to leave.

ordinator. No mistake here and no mistake in Israel.

IF THE ZOA CONVENTION late in May takes up these problems, it will be an interesting convention. Last year's convention in Pittsburgh was pretty dull. Last year they were arguing about how many seats the Opposition gets on the Executive and forgot that something happened in Israel. This year, there is a good chance that the kids will settle all outstanding questions about the marbles before the Convention and get down to the real business at the Convention.

So that when Gabe Cohen says last year's convention was interesting I think he is all wrong. And I hope—I more than hope—that he will also prove wrong in predicting a dull convention for this year.

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DETROIT JCC TOTALLY STALLED  
IN FIGHT ON KOSHER BUTCHERS

DETROIT—The Detroit Jewish Community Council planned a new step this week in its three-year fight against refusal of kosher butchers to accept a minimum program of community control of high kosher meat prices.

The JCC admitted that "negotiations dealing with this problem are at a standstill due to the refusal of the Kosher Butchers Association to post cuts and prices of meats in their stores."

Rankin Threatens  
Probe Of ADL

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Rep. John Rankin, of Mississippi, this week told the House that he intends to introduce a resolution to investigate "that subversive organization," the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Rep. Emanuel Celler arose and called Rankin's remarks about the A.D.L. a "canard." Rankin objected that this was a personal attack and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn sent out for a dictionary to define the word, "canard." Rayburn decided that Celler meant that Rankin was a liar and Celler was not allowed to finish speaking.

Kenesset Approves  
Austerity Regime

TEL AVIV — (JTA) — The Israeli Parliament this week approved the government-sponsored austerity program. The vote was 57 against 33, with many abstentions.

Dov Joseph, Minister of Food and Supply, summing up the arguments in favor of the plan, said that a total saving of 17,000,000 pounds—about \$51,000,000—annually will be achieved if the austerity program is effected.

No Sale On Bulletin  
The latest statement said that the JCC subcommittee felt that "a bulletin board, stating price and variety of meat available, would tend to make the buying of kosher meat easier for many young housewives, who find shopping in kosher meat markets a difficult practice."

The statement did not refer to the hope of the JCC that such posting of prices would end widespread variations in prices for the same cuts in kosher meat markets.

"The Kosher Butchers Association thus far has refused to post these bulletin boards in their stores," the statement said.

Will Inform Community  
"The Jewish Community Council feels that the community should be informed on this problem," the statement said. "Kosher meat is a necessity and should be treated as such. Bad practices should be corrected to the gain of all."

The JCC therefore will name an overall board committee to see what can be done in a situation that needs police power which is non-existent in American Jewish communities.

"Rabbis, sisterhoods and other women's organizations, together with the Jewish Community Council, will deal with this complex problem affecting our economic and religious life," the statement said.

## Correction

The interview with Robert Gamzey, editor of the Intermountain Jewish News of Denver, which appeared in The National Jewish Post May 6, was credited by error to World Wide News Service. It should have been credited to Jewish World News Service. The interview was obtained by William Zukerman, editor of the JWNS.

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# Herzog Confirms Rabbinic Control Of Personal Lives Of Israel Jews

By BEN GALLOB

INDIANAPOLIS—(NJP)—The Chief Rabbi of Israel this week confirmed the complete jurisdiction of the rabbinate over Jews in Israel on such matters as marriage and divorce, and made it clear that such jurisdiction is backed by the power of the state.

Dr. Isaac Halevy Herzog, frail and charming, gave The Post his only formal news interview of his current tour of the U.S. on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

The scholarly rabbinical leader also clarified the status of proposals initiated by the neo-Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America for a world religious center in Israel to deal with the problems of adjusting Jewish law to 19 centuries of dispersion.

Also present for the interview was his secretary, Rabbi Goldman, who is accompanying the Chief Rabbi on the tour.

Rabbi Herzog said he was aware that many liberal U. S. Jews were disturbed by fears that the Orthodox bloc in Israel seeks to move toward a maximum degree of control by the rabbinate over the lives of Israeli Jews.

He said that marriage and divorce are under the jurisdiction of the rabbinate. Such matters come under the head of personal status, which includes specifically marriage, divorce, administration of affairs of minors, wills and maintenance growing out of marriage contracts.

He was asked under what legal controls this system operates, since Israel as yet has no basic law. The Constitution is yet to be adopted.

## Since The Mandate

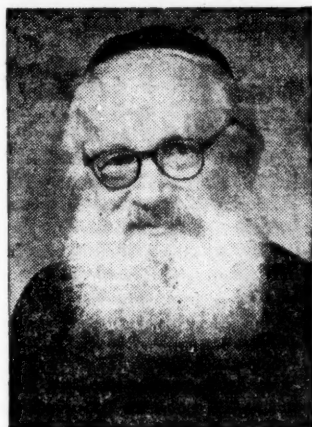
He said such controls were vested in the rabbinate under the British mandatory and that the rabbinate now operates under the same law. He said he expected that such jurisdiction would be incorporated into the basic law of the State of Israel.

The precise nature of rabbinical goals was outlined by Rabbi Goldman this way:

"We want to embody the Jewish law, the Shulchan Oruch, in the law of the state in respect to matters of personal status, as previously defined."

He was asked whether marriage between an Israeli Jew and Israeli non-Jew was barred.

Mixed Marriage Banned  
He said it was, explaining that



RABBI HERZOG  
Personal Status Means Plenty

"any marriage prohibited by Jewish law is prohibited by the state."

Asked how this was enforced, he said there was no problem of enforcement.

"Since there is no civil marriage and since no rabbi would perform a mixed marriage, there is no problem of enforcement," he said.

"In respect to such personal matters, then, there is no choice for the non-observant?" he was asked.

"The problem is a purely theoretical one," he answered. "In such terms, the answer to that question is, yes."

## About Police Power

He was asked to what degree the rabbinate can turn to the police power of the state to enforce such Jewish law.

He said that in theory, a man who violated the Biblical law in respect to support of his children could be jailed.

"So far, the power of the state has never been applied in this connection," he said.

In the event a majority of Israeli should decide that a civil issue was involved and were opposed to continued religious jurisdiction of the rabbinate, what

would the position of the rabbinate be, he was asked.

"Israel is a democratic state," he said. "Much as we would deplore such a development, we could not prevent it. However, we would reserve the right to continue our ways and to seek to persuade Israeli Jewish citizens to accept Jewish law."

## Is Anyone Opposed?

The question of reports of opposition to such rabbinical jurisdiction in Israel was raised. Robert Gamzey, editor of the Intermountain Jewish NEWS, was quoted as saying, after returning from a tour of Israel, that the young Israeli Jews have little interest in such religious observance. (NJP may 6).

Rabbi Herzog said he thought the generalization was "too sweeping. There is some opposition to religious jurisdiction in matters of personal status but only on the part of some extremist groups."

He said the opposition could not be defined in terms of any specific party or similar groupings in Israel. He said the opposition was represented in various parts of the Israeli Jewish population.

Rabbi Herzog said there was widespread misunderstanding in the U. S. Jewish community about the proposed religious center in Jerusalem. Specifically commenting on warnings by U. S. Reform spokesmen challenging the right of the Rabbinical Council to start such talks with him, Rabbi Herzog said the fears were groundless.

He explained that as he understood it, the talks would look toward a permanent conference of Jewish rabbinical scholars. He said that at present the talks, which were opened last year on the initiative of Dr. Israel Tabak, Rabbinical Council president, were purely in the discussion stage. No plans for specific machinery have been outlined, he said.

In respect to fears of non-Orthodox elements in U. S. Judaism, Rabbi Herzog indicated that the fears were groundless.

"The influence of the proposed conference would be entirely voluntary," he explained. "There is no question of coercion. The proposed conference would draw its authority entirely from the prestige and status of those who would serve."

He emphasized that the proposed conference would have no power of compulsion.

Asked how representatives of the proposed conference would be chosen, he said that remained to be worked out. He said some of the problems probably would be considered at the Rabbinical Council convention in Atlantic City this month. He is scheduled to address the convention.

## I Think As I Please

### YIDDISH OR HEBREW LOVERS — WHICH ARE CLOSER TO JUDAISM?

By CARL ALPERT

It all started innocently enough when someone confessed that he knew not a word of Yiddish, but was quite fluent in Hebrew. He is a young American Jew of the second or third generation,



and to some he was an anomaly. The conversation abruptly veered from trivialities to discussion of vital questions of contemporary Jewish life. One outspoken participant put it this way: Hebrew is identified with Jewish survival and renaissance. When you meet a person who reads and speaks the language you think of him as one who is vitally interested in Jewish life. Yiddish is identified with the Golem, with recent immigrants to America. People speak Yiddish only because it is the only language they know well. Tens of thousands of American Jews would list Yiddish as their primary language, but there is nothing else in their loyalties or affiliations which would characterize them as actively interested in Judaism.

This point of view was quickly put under fire. What do you mean by Judaism? Certainly it can not be maintained that Hebraists are loyal adherents of Judaism, in the religious sense? Hebraists don't distinguish themselves for synagogue attendance any more than the Yiddishists do.

True, came the thoughtful reply, but Hebrew is more than just a language, more than just a means of communication. It has a sanctity all its own, and it breathes a spirit which is related to the whole of Jewish history, whereas Yiddish, even in its finest literature, never penetrates to the sources of Jewish life.

That may mean, however, that Hebraists have made a religion out of their Hebrew, and have accepted it as an easy substitute for traditional Judaism.

The others joined in the conversation, but few had answers. All phrased their contributions as questions.

IF ITS TRUE THAT the Hebrew speaker is identified as an exponent of positive Jewish survival, what are the elements which distinguish him, aside from knowledge of the tongue? The act of speaking or reading Hebrew requires deliberate, conscious effort, whereas the person who uses Yiddish does so as a matter of convenience. The He-

braist is always thought of as a Zionist, interested in the building of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

On the other hand, almost every Jew is, in that sense, a Zionist today. Pride in the State of Israel is equally strong among all groups of American Jews today.

Well, then, if it isn't devotion to a Jewish faith which spells the difference, and if it isn't any different with respect to attitude toward Israel, what is it that marks the special Jewish characteristics of those who, respectively, speak Hebrew or Yiddish?

The case was cited of parents who, indifferent to the kind of Jewish education their children were receiving at a local synagogue school, rejoiced when they found that a course in Yiddish had been introduced. Why? Several of the Jewish labor groups can without doubt cite interesting statistics of enrollment at their schools where Yiddish, and not Hebrew is the principal language taught.

YET THE FEELING persists that it is the Hebrew-speaking family which is closer to the primary sources of Jewish life, even though the precise reasons escaped detection in this particular discussion. Is it a matter of culture? Can there be loyalty to a Jewish culture—a secular Jewish culture, as it were—and does this constitute a satisfactory philosophy of Jewish living?

We're not religious, two parents could agree. We don't attend synagogue. We are both thrilled by the emergence of the Jewish State. We both hope to visit Israel, but only for a visit. We both contribute to Jewish philanthropies. Yet one parent sends his children to a Sholem Aleichem Folk Shule and hopes that they will get a good education in Yiddish. The other sends his youngsters to a progressive Hebrew School and wants them to master Hebrew, though not necessarily for religious reasons. And their paths merge again as both parents proclaim that they are good Jews.

Is the difference in their emphasis on language only superficial, or is there something deeper? And in what respect are they "good Jews"?

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## RABBINICAL COUNCIL TO PLAN AID TO SMALLER U.S. JEWRIES

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—An official of the neo-Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America said this week that the rabbinical body had learned that Jews in smaller Jewish communities want help in holding to observance of Jewish customs.

Rabbi Jonah E. Caplan of Astoria, L. I., said that the recent Torah Tour sponsored by the Rabbinical Council had revealed that many Jews in smaller communities "are still vitally interested in reviving the observances of genuine Judaism."

He said one entire session of the forthcoming 13th annual convention at Atlantic City May 23-25 will be devoted to plans for extension of activities to such smaller Jewish communities. Rabbi Caplan is chairman of the convention committee.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman of Far Rockaway, N. Y. will report on the Torah Tour and submit recommendations for continuing and expanding this new

project which sent some 40 rabbis to many parts of the U. S. last winter.

One of the major topics before the convention will be the question of implementing plans for a world religious court in Jerusalem, a project initiated last year by the rabbinical body.

Rabbi Isaac Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Israel, will address the meeting in connection with that program, which has been the target of sharp criticism from other branches of American Judaism.



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## Names In The News

## DULUTH RABBI HAS UNIQUE FORM OF PULPIT EXCHANGE WITH MINISTER

RABBI William B. Silverman of Temple Emanuel in Duluth, Minn. and Dr. John M. Phillips of Pilgrim Congregational church have worked out a unique twist on interfaith cooperation.

When Dr. Phillips is called out of town, Rabbi Silverman takes over the Congregational pulpit. When Rabbi Silverman is out of the city, Dr. Phillips conducts the services at the Temple. The arrangement is made possible by that the Temple has its regular services on Friday and the church on Sunday.

## Appointments

Rabbi SAMUEL SANDMEL, director of the Yale University Hillel Foundation will be the first occupant of the newly-created chair of Jewish Literature and Thought at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

The new chair, for which the rabbi will have the rank of associate professor, was made possible by a grant from B'nai B'rith and the Carnegie Foundation.

## Waksman Aids Brandeis

Dr. SALMAN A. WAKSMAN, discoverer of streptomycin and neomycin, has accepted a post as science consultant to Brandeis University. He won nationwide attention when he assigned his patent of the drug streptomycin to Rutgers University, thereby making possible establishment of Institute of Microbiology at Rutgers.

## New Antich V-P

MORTON A. RAUH, formerly of Cincinnati and now of Watertown, Mass., has been elected vice president of famous Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, according to the Cincinnati AMERICAN ISRAELITE. He is a brother of Frederick Rau, general chairman of the 1949 Cincinnati Jewish Welfare Fund drive.

## Jewish Hospital Picks Houtz

PHILIP HOUTZ of New York has been named executive director of the National Jewish Hospital at Denver. Houtz is a native of Detroit.

## Tributes To Merit

Rabbi COLMAN A. ZWITMAN and Mrs. ELIZABETH VIRRIK have been named the outstanding citizens of Dade County, Florida, for 1948. Rabbi Zwitman was

recognized for leadership in interfaith work and Mrs. Virrick was honored for her work in the Coconut Grove Slum Clearance Committee. . . . MARCIA TEPPERMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tepperman of Omaha, has been named president of the Mortar Board, senior women's honorary society at the University of Nebraska.

## Publisher Honored

A dinner of the Jewish Legionnaires of Palestine in Los Angeles May 21 will mark the first anniversary of Israel and honor SAMUEL B. GACH, publisher of the Los Angeles California Jewish VOICE, Anglo-Jewish weekly. The group is made up of veterans of Allenby's Jewish Legion of World War I.

## Arrival and Departure

Rabbi JOSEPH S. SHUBOW of Congregation B'nai Moshe in Brighton, Mass., will be the leader of a tour to Israel starting July 13, which will last about 16 days. The tour provides for daily prayers, instruction in modern Hebrew and lectures on Zionism and the State of Israel.

## Deaths

WILLIAM Z. SPIRGELMAN, director of public relations for the Jewish National Fund of America since 1930, of a heart attack in his home, at 56.

## With The Rabbis

INSTALLATION—Rabbi WENDELL A. PHILLIPS, as spiritual leader of Washington Boulevard Temple in Chicago May 20.

APPOINTMENTS — Rabbi MORRIS A. SKOP, as spiritual leader of the Coral Gables Jewish Community Center of Florida.

Rabbi ALFRED WOLF, as third rabbi of Wilshire Boulevard Temple of Los Angeles. He will serve with Rabbi Edgar Magnin and Rabbi Maxwell H. Dubin.

ANNIVERSARY — Rabbi ALBERT SHULMAN, for 25 years as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El in South Bend, Ind.; at the annual congregational dinner May 24.

ENGAGEMENTS — Betty Lucille Bosniak, daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. JACOB BOSNIAK of the Ocean Parkway Jewish Center, Brooklyn, to Dr. Lewis Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen of Columbus, O.

DENVER—(JTA)—The American Council of Christian Churches at a national conference which ended this week has attacked the concept of national "Brotherhood Week" which is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

## Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, MAY 22—"Operation Dawn," a special United Jewish Appeal broadcast, starring Al Jolson and other Hollywood personalities, 2 p. m. EDT, NBC.

SUNDAY, MAY 22—"Sabbath and Ceremonial in Reform Judaism," third in a series of five talks by Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein of K.A.M. Temple, Chicago, on the "Message of Israel," 10 a. m. EDT, ABC.

SUNDAY, MAY 22—A radio dramatization, "The Trial of Jonathan Green," of the President's Commission on Higher Education, on the "Eternal Light" program, 12:30 p. m. EDT, NBC.

## Berlin Jews Protest Acquittal For Nazi

BERLIN—(JTA)—More than 500 Jews living in the Russian sector of this city attended a meeting this week in the community synagogue called to protest against the acquittal by a German court in Hamburg of Veit Harlan, former Nazi film director who produced the notorious anti-Semitic motion picture, "Jew Sues."

Julius Meyer, head of the Jewish community here, told the gathering that "Jewish survivors unhesitatingly declares that Harlan was as guilty as Hitler and Goebbels insofar as he was an intellectual originator of millions of murders." Meyer revealed that a petition was now being circulated to be presented to the military governors of Berlin, urging that "people like Harlan be handed over to the Israeli Government for judgment."

## Greek Gov't. Misuses Jewish Cemetery

LONDON (JTA)—The concern of religious Jewry throughout the world at the Greek government's levelling of the Jewish cemetery at Salonika and using tombstones for an extension of the city's sea wall has been expressed by the Agudah executive here to the Greek Ambassador to London, Leon V. Melas.

The executive asked Ambassador Melas to urge his government to halt the digging up of the cemetery and to consult with the rabbinate of Greece before taking any similar action in the future. "We feel the tragedy of Greek Jewry during the war justifies permitting the dead to rest," the Agudah statement declared.

## Your Income Taxes Are High? Compare 'Em With Israel Rates

The exact amount in dollars and cents which the Jews in Israel have to pay in 1949 in terms of income tax for their national independence and for the absorption of their fellow Jews in foreign countries, can best be demonstrated by a comparison of the present income taxes in Israel and in the United States. The following table lists according to categories of income, the amounts of income tax in 1949 which a man with a wife who is not working and with two children of minor age, has to pay in Israel and in the United States respectively, and shows in dollar value and percentage the difference between their income taxes:

Income in Dollars	Amount of Income Tax in Dollars		Income Tax in Israel is higher than In the U.S. by	
	In Israel	In the U.S.	Dollars	Pct
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4,500.00	540.00	213.00	266.10	49.0
6,000.00	1,215.00	498.00	717.00	59.0
7,500.00	2,240.00	731.76	1,508.24	67.3
9,000.00	3,345.00	993.12	2,351.88	70.3
12,000.00	5,595.00	1,575.68	4,019.32	71.8
15,000.00	7,845.00	2,262.08	5,582.92	71.1
60,000.00	45,000.0*	21,370.00*	23,630.00	52.5
90,000.00	67,500.00*	37,710.00*	28,790.00	40.2
150,000.00	112,500.00*	78,800.00*	33,700.00	29.9

\*Approximately

The table proves that an Israeli citizen in the income brackets up to \$15,000 pays on the average over 65 per cent more in income tax and in the higher income brackets on the average almost 41 per cent more in income tax than an American citizen. In other words, since the majority of the Jews in Israel have an income of less than \$15,000 a year, it is evident from the table that they pay on the average about two-thirds more in income tax than Americans of similar economic standing in the United States.

This table is reprinted from the Bulletin of the Ahavath Achim synagogue of Atlanta, Ga.

## The Record Rack

## "WHAT IS TORAH?" ON RECORDS HAS IMPRESSIVE GRANDEUR

"What Is Torah?" a Cantata by Ira and Judith Eisenstein; Narrated by Norman Rose and Ruth York, with Stanley Gewirtz; Sung by Robert Segal and Mt. Nebo (New York) Choir; Isidore Geller at the Piano. Two 12-inch records: Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation.

Hebrew music written about Judaism by musicians of the faith is oftentimes more typical than it is artistic. Jewish composers by and large seem unhappily to rush toward emotion which obliterates much that is fine in their music and blurs sentiment into sentimentality. Very few Jewish composers write successfully for the genre. When they do, their work is likely to be accepted with a greater enthusiasm than it deserves.

"What is Torah?" was written in 1942 and since then has been performed hundreds of times before thousands of people in this country, Canada, Europe and Palestine. This is the first recording, and a very fine one, of the cantata. The text attempts to convey the richness, power, tenderness and the beauty which Torah has meant to countless generations of Jewish people. The melodic material is adapted from religious and folk music.

The composition is not the best it could be, but far better than it might have been. In spots, an obsession with grandeur pierces the colorful fabric of the text, and the music should really have been scored for full orchestra.

But the whole is better than the sum total of its parts. The opening recitation, broad and calm, takes the listener back to

the beginning of religious time, setting the stage for the rest to come. Segal's work throughout is constrained and dignified.

The whole recording has a nice effect in which the deep voice of Norman Rose and the lovely hushed one of Ruth York are set to best advantage. Even the piano does not sound too bad, although the score was written with such imagination that it seems a shame to have it played out to the accompaniment of only a piano.

Judith Eisenstein's prose is Biblical in sonority and weaves back and forth between assurance of its own metaphor and the expertly contrived fragmentation of the history of the Torah. It is a good text, and the narrators do a professional job with it. I could have done without the choir and unison singing, always a mistake in composition unless the unison really encompasses really good male voices. Most temple and congregational choirs rarely measure up to that standard.

I think about Leopold Bernstein's "Jeremiah" Symphony in connection with this. Bernstein did essentially the same thing the Eisenstein's attempted but somewhat better because he had an orchestra behind him and a more starkly vivid conception of Genesis.

"What Is Torah?" if re-scored and revised here and there should, in my estimation at least, be good enough for large-scale commercial reproduction. J. G.

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## Women's Viewpoint

### SOME THOUGHTS ON THE TRADE AFTER TWO YEARS AS COLUMNIST

By HELEN COHEN

**A**FTER almost two years at my weekly stint in this department, what do I think of the writing profession?

Partly it's a case of familiarity breeding lack of appreciation. Shucks, I figure, if I can write, it must be simple. Just like talking, anyway, and you know how women like to talk.

Yet paradoxically, the more I work with words, the greater my awe. I used to think a writer, as compared with a person of action, was a softie. But I realize now that the printed word is a versatile and powerful weapon.

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And, as if all this weren't enough, there is the miracle it performs of turning uproarious hellions into placid mice. In case you're dense, I refer to my darlings as I sit down to read their bed-time story.

Viva La printing press!

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**R**ABBI Sidney Greenberg of Temple Sinai in Philadelphia says we talked too fast about the need for making the seating capacity of a synagogue adjustable.

He writes: "In our new Synagogue structure which was erected last year, our Synagogue and Auditorium were built contiguous and they are separated by a folding sash which is electrically operated. The Synagogue portion seats approximately 450 persons while the Auditorium seats about 650 persons. The Synagogue pulpit faces west and the Auditorium stage which is set back faces north. For normal purposes both Synagogue and Auditorium are very adequate. On special occasions such as the High Holy Days we avail ourselves of the overall capacity. Since the building was designed with this plan in mind there are no obstructions whatsoever in either the Synagogue or Auditorium which would hamper vision from any part of either. Even the folded sash is contained in recessed compartments.

"The only slight inconvenience entailed in this plan is that it precludes the use of permanent pews in the Auditorium portion. But this is an inconvenience which we experience only on three or four days during the year and it is more than offset by the tremendous economy in both construction costs and operating expenses. May I add significantly that from the esthetic point of view our Synagogue is considered by many second to none in the city of Philadelphia."

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**I**F Eleanor Levenson is speaking in your town for the United Jewish Appeal, don't let the fact that you make it your business to stay away from solicitation meetings prevent you from hearing her.

I'm a hardened listener who favors shorter speeches. Seldom have I heard anyone, man or woman, who can stir you like this auburn-haired lady.

She started off her talk a little too exuberantly the other night but once she settled down to her steady, pace, quietly and simply, she hit you with everything she had and she has plenty.

Just for fun, I'd like to see what would happen if she were dropped in the midst of a group whose members thought they had had enough of giving. They would probably melt like spring snow under the warm sun.

Incidentally, at the Women's Division rally which featured her, another item was the UJA film, "Homecoming, 1949." This is just the type of picture I had in mind when I told the men to stay home and learn about Israel through the movies, rather than going there in person to study matters and leaving their womenfolk behind.

### N. J. Corporation Starts Amity Bid

NEW YORK — (JTA) — A pioneering program aimed at establishing good intergroup relations among the personnel of American industrial plants was launched this week when the General Cable Corporation opened a nine-week seminar on intergroup relations at its factory in Perth Amboy, N. J. The program is sponsored by the Corporation and by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

In announcing the program, the NCCJ blueprinted a plan for labor-management intergroup relations which it will endeavor to put into effect on a nationwide scale. The plan aims to bring

to industrial executives and workers an awareness of the evil of prejudice; the huge toll in production losses suffered by the country through bigotry; and the resultant gains flowing out of greater understanding among Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

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### Rutner Zohn

Abraham Rutner, 1120 State St., Schenectady, N. Y., writes:

I am interested in learning the meaning and origin of my name.

My father was born in Terebla, a town in the province of Maramaros, in Hungary. I know no further details except that the name Rutner was commonly known in that section and in nearby sections. I have wondered whether the origin of the name stems from Roth (or red) or Ratner (adviser). There was a streak of red-hairedness in my father's family.

Rutner is a family name taken from a mountain chain in Hungary. This mountain chain, part of the Carpathians, is called "Rodnaer Gebirge," and extends from the province of Maramaros to the neighboring province of Transylvania. The term "Rodnaer" was taken from a Slavonian term meaning "ore." The whole chain is very rich in ore and numerous Jews were engaged in the trade. Ratner has no connection with "Rat" (counsel) but is derived from the town of Ratno in Poland.

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Mrs. L. Zohn, 24 Vesta Road, Dorchester, Mass., writes:

I should like to know the meaning of my name, Zohn. It comes from Janow, Austria, later Poland.

Zohn is a Yiddish translation of the Hebrew name Shimson (Samson). The root of Shimson is the Hebrew Shemesh (the Sun). An ancestor whose father's name was Shimson often took the family name of Sonn or Sonneman. The initial "S" was replaced by a Polish "Z" and an "h" was inserted by someone who did not know what "zon" meant.

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## What Foods These Morsels Be

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**P**ASSOVER showed us how much fun soup can be with a "trimming." We have several soup accessories this week for you to try.

### EGG BALLS

2 hard-cooked eggs pinch of nutmeg  
½ teaspoon melted butter 1 egg yolk, slightly beaten  
¼ teaspoon salt

Separate whites and yolks of hard-cooked eggs. Rub yolks to a smooth paste with butter, using the back of a wooden spoon, add salt and nutmeg. Chop whites of eggs fine, and add. Add beaten yolk to bind the mixture, roll into marbles and drop into boiling soup. Let boil 1 minute.

### EGG CUSTARD

yolks of 2 eggs ¼ teaspoon paprika  
2 tablespoons milk ½ teaspoon chopped parsley  
¼ teaspoon salt

Beat yolks slightly, add milk and salt. Pour into a small buttered cup, sprinkle with paprika and parsley, place in a pan of hot water, and let cook until firm. Cool, remove from cup, and cut into fancy shapes.

### EINLAUF (EGG DROP)

1 egg, beaten 3 tablespoons flour  
¼ teaspoon salt ¼ cup cold water

Mix egg, salt, flour and water, and stir until smooth. Pour slowly from end of a spoon into boiling soup, and let boil 2 or 3 minutes. If poured into soup from a considerable height, shape of drops will be improved.

### SPATZEN

1 egg ¾ cup flour  
½ teaspoon salt ½ cup water

Beat egg well, add salt, flour and water, stirring to a stiff, smooth batter. Drop by teaspoons into boiling soup and let boil 10 minutes.

The Post will send one of Tina Lohman's famous cook books to each reader whose recipe is printed as "The Recipe of the Week."



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## CALENDAR

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## The Editor's Chair

FOR YEARS NOW, we've had a subscriber in Rogersville, Mo., a town of less than 500 souls in the southwest corner of the state. She is not a Jew but sometime ago wrote us that she had cast her lot with the Jewish people because of her distress at the way the world was treating that people.

We've never met her but her gentle understanding and her kindly faith shines through her well-written lines. See if you don't agree:

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I wonder if somewhere in your paper you might find room for the enclosed poem of which I am the author, as one who comes from among the Gentiles to take her stand with the Jewish people and for the cause of Zion. I would like so much to pay some tribute to this noble character, Dr. Stephen Wise, who has been an inspiration in my own life and who I feel will go down in history as one of the great men of our time.

May God bless you and keep you. Shalom.

Yvonne Bench

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN WISE  
God hath called into the Great unknown

Just beyond life's sunset glow  
One among earth's great and noble

Which this world has come to know  
His gentle kindly words and deeds

Reflected God's holy love  
In the true spirit of brotherhood  
Kin to the divine from above.

His name on the golden rolls of Zion

Emblazoned forever shall be  
A shining symbol through the ages

Not only of time but all eternity  
He worked with a zeal untiring  
For the cause that he loved so dear

For the restoration of Israel  
And to help bring God's Kingdom near.

When God's Kingdom on earth is established

And the prophets of old take their place

Somewhere in that triumphant assembly

We shall again behold his face.  
The life so unselfishly given

In the smile of God's approval  
will dwell

As he is so gently laid to rest  
Know this that God doeth all things well.

## Turk Papers Place Newsmen In Israel

ISTANBUL—(JTA)—For the first time in many years the major Turkish newspapers have assigned regular correspondents to Israel. The reports received from these correspondents have been extremely favorable to the Jewish state and are being followed with interest by the Turkish reading public.

For the Vital Jewish News  
The National Jewish Post

# Editorial Page

## Mr. Frisch Is The Wrong Man

ALTHOUGH the election of Daniel Frisch to the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America seems assured, The Post will not get on the bandwagon.

Mr. Frisch will undoubtedly give the ZOA an excellent administration from a business and technical standpoint. His devotion to Zionism and to the ZOA does not mean gracing the speaker's platform alone; it means long hours of work and painstaking attention to the details of operation of the ZOA.

Mr. Frisch also is a traditional Jew. It is this fundamental outlook of the man which has earned him the support of Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, famous editor of the Jewish SPECTATOR, and from many others who see in him the personification of their own desire and need to strengthen Judaism along with the fight for the Zionist ideal. In Indianapolis, Mr. Frisch was president of Beth El Congregation and the solid administration he gave that Conservative Temple made it grow quickly to the leading congregation in the city.

So far, so good. So far Mr. Frisch could be The Post's man too, for in addition it is indebted to him in more ways than one. But Mr. Frisch's determination leads him to excesses which in other days would have earned him the label of dictator. He is a ruthless man when opposed, and to him the ends justify the means. He is a cynic when it comes to democracy. He has no faith in democratic processes.

On these grounds alone, The Post would have to count itself with the opposition to Mr. Frisch.

## Terms of Peace in ZOA Credit To New Leadership

THE terms of the peace agreement between Daniel Frisch and the opposition Committee for Progressive Zionism should meet with universal approval. This is statesmanship of the highest order and it brings peace to the Zionist ranks when the need for unity is most urgent.

The willingness of the Frisch group to give up to the CPZ many important posts indicates a sincere desire on the part of the incoming administration to bring together in the work for Zionism all those who wish to make a contribution.

It should be pointed out that Mr. Frisch could have walked into office with or without the aid of CPZ votes. He did not have to yield anything

and could have followed the precedent of the outgoing Neumann administration which instead of giving the minority full voice in the administration, offered them a paltry six seats on the executive.

All of this augurs well for the new administration. The tasks it faces are secondary only to those mastered by the Silver-Neumann forces in the political fight to bring about the establishment of the Jewish State. In a very real sense, this new battle will call for every bit as much courage and brains. The start being made indicates that if success cannot be achieved, at least no obstacles of a personal nature will be thrown into the drive toward the goal.

## This Wrong Cannot Go Unanswered

THAT was a nasty and vicious attack on Carl Alpert by Trude Weiss-Rosmarin in her Jewish SPECTATOR for April.

The lady tries her best to place the blame for the failure of the Neumann administration in the Zionist Organization of America on Mr. Alpert who, other than Sidney Marks, is the one consecrated and devoted man in the organization. Yet, in the attempt, Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin stays her pen when she has to refer to Dr. Neumann, which gives her performance all the straightforwardness of a Tammany Hall character assassination at its worst.

Because the entire U.S. Jewish community has not embraced Herzlian Zionism and has not gone through a spiritual transformation, Carl Alpert is to blame.

Fifteen hundred rabbis, all our synagogues and Hillel Foundations, all our national Jewish organizations have been fighting the good fight for years and just because it hasn't been won, then Carl Alpert must be pilloried. That kind of attack is too cheap and Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin won't be able to get away with it.

She makes a good deal out of the fact that more money was allocated for Zionist educa-

tion work this year than ever before. She draws a pen portrait which makes one think of a vast machinery headed by a well-paid staff of officials, all functioning, or not functioning as she charges, under Mr. Alpert as head of the ZOA education department.

The truth is—and Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin knows it—that Mr. Alpert is himself the ZOA education department. Other than Carl Alpert, there is only a stenographer to help him and as a result Mr. Alpert devotes nearer 80 hours than 40 hours a week to his work. And, if the truth were known, no one either in or out of the education department has ever heard Mr. Alpert complain.

Unquestionably he will resent this intrusion on his behalf by The Post, but Mrs. Weiss-Rosmarin's intemperate attack should not be allowed to go unanswered. There are many things wrong with the present administration of the ZOA, but to heap unwarranted blame on the one capable and efficient man in that administration will lead only to irreparable harm and just about kill morale in a staff that knows pretty well who is and who is not efficient.

## Jews Should Boycott Anti-Jewish Jews

NOW there's the situation that Fred Schochet's fine publication, the Jewish FLORIDIAN, unearthed in Miami Beach.

There the Jewish-owned hotels refuse to employ Jews.

Less than five years ago, not a few of the swank hotels there paraded signs in full public view, reading "Gentiles Only."

That situation was finally rectified. Now the "Gentiles Only" signs have reappeared but this

time put up by the Jewish employer for the Jewish unemployed.

The hotel owner will blame his Jewish guests, but that charge won't stand up. The hotel owner is to blame. Unless he changes his ways, there would be ample justification for the same kind of a boycott by Jews of these guilty Miami Beach hotels as Jews would be quick to institute if the hotel put up a "Gentiles Only" sign for guests too.

## Fourth Grade Added To Anshe Emet School

CHICAGO (NJP)—Officials of Anshe Emet synagogue disclosed this week that a fourth grade will be added next September to the Conservative synagogue's all-day school.

When the school closes for the summer next month, it will have ended three years of continuous operation in an experiment that has drawn nation-wide attention. (NJP Sept. 17, 1948).

The addition of a fourth grade in September is in line with the school's policy of adding a grade each year.

The fall term will offer classes in the nursery, morning and afternoon kindergartens, all-day kindergarten, first, second and third and fourth grades.

The aim of the school is an avowed bid to fuse American and Jewish cultural patterns in one harmonious tradition.

## Flag Of Israel Joins Rest At UN

LAK ESUCCESS—(JTA)—The blue-white flag of Israel, 59th state to be admitted to membership in the United Nations, was hoisted for the first time this week in the semicircle of flags on the lawn of UN headquarters here.

A cheering throng of 1,000 sang Hatikvah as the flag was hoisted into place between the emblems of Iraq and Lebanon by Fred Notz, a UN guard who saw service in Palestine as a member of the UN force there.

Many delegates emerged from committee sessions to witness the ceremony, among them Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt who was, however, unable to press through the crowd to greet Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. "It is always a historic moment when a new flag is hoisted," Mrs. Roosevelt said.

## Three Congregations Organized In 8 Days

NEW YORK (NJP)—Something of a world's record was claimed this week by the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues which announced that three new congregations had been organized in eight days.

The new congregations are the Liberal synagogue of Northern Winchester, the Liberal synagogue of Fresh Meadows, and the Liberal Synagogue of Laurelton, L. I.

Organizational work was done by Rabbis Albert G. Baum and Daniel L. Davis.

## Leaders In Israel, Belgian Group Quits

BRUSSELS — (WNS) — The Council of Jewish Organizations in Belgium, representing a majority of the Jewish political and cultural organizations in the country, has been dissolved, it was disclosed here this week.

The reason given for the dissolution was that most of the Council's leaders had emigrated to Israel.

## Two Miami Hotels Discriminate—ADL

MIAMI — Two Miami Beach hotels are listed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith as among those showing discriminatory practices against Jews, the Jewish FLORIDIAN reported last week.

They were the Broadmoor by the Sea and the Marine Terrace Hotel, according to the weekly.



Letters should be brief and to the point, and written on one side of the page only.

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### PUBLICATION OF MRS. OTT'S VERSION OF 23rd PSALM MISTAKE, SAYS RABBI

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I am writing today in protest over the publication on Page 9 of the May 6th issue of The Post of Lillian Reznick Ott's version of the Twenty-Third Psalm. I am surprised, indeed, that The Post would print such a piece, reflecting as it does upon the entire American Rabbinate, and undermining the confidence of the communities in their spiritual leaders. I think that you will agree with me that generalization is unwarranted.

No individual among the Rabbis will argue that there are not a few in our midst who are guilty of the charges contained in the "Ott-rocity." There are some Rabbis, like the one advertising on the back page of The Post, who are more concerned about personal aggrandizement and "larger fields of service," than they are about preaching and teaching the will of God. They are, however, a small minority in contradistinction to the vast group of intelligent, consecrated men who devote their efforts to the welfare of their respective communities, who sacrifice themselves for the cause of their faith. They are concerned not primarily with cementing good relations with the non-Jewish community, but with strengthening the Jewish community with making Judaism meaningful to the American Jew of our generation.

The Post, which has consistently been of great help in urging the re-establishment of the Synagogue as the focal point in Jewish life, and has seemingly lent its support to the proposals made at the last meetings of the CCAR

that rabbinical authority and guidance be given greater recognition in the direction of community activities, has done a great disservice to its own cause and to ours. On behalf of every Rabbi in America, Orthodox, Conservative, or Reform, I want to say that I think the Post owes us an apology for the publication of this so-called literary effort. I shall be looking forward to your early reply.

RABBI  
ALFRED L. GOODMAN  
Lima, O.

### Reader Has A Thought In Verse For Mrs. Ott

● Editor, National Jewish Post: There was a young woman named Ott,

Who cried, "Why, I've got me a thought!"

So without any qualms She besotted the Psalms With some anti-Rabbinical rot.

EFE ROSENZWEIG  
Akron, O.

### Ott's Poem Bad Taste Says New Yorker

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I thought it was very poor taste for you to publish a parody on the Twenty-Third Psalm, entitled Twenty-Third Psalm (Reduced to the level of American Judaism) by Lillian Reznick Ott, which appeared in your May 6 issue.

This sort of writing is offensive and has no place in a paper of your usual high caliber.

MRS. JOSHUA STAMPFER  
New York City

### IF ISRAELI YOUTH ARE RIGHT, 2,000 YEARS OF AGONY SENSELESS

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

In the May 9th issue of the National Jewish Post, there is a report by Mr. Robert Gamzey in which he states that a new theory was developing among young people in Israel about religion which claims that "Religion was necessary to keep the Jewish people together during 2,000 years of dispersion. Now that we have a land of our own, we do not need religion any more."

This theory implies that the Jewish religion is only a means and that it came into being only to ensure the continued existence of the Jew as a separate people. If this be true, then Jewry has gone through 2,000 years of unequalled martyrdom for the sake of a reactionary chauvinistic ideology. Fortunately, the facts of History invalidate this new theory.

During all their period of exile up until Hitler, the Jew could have avoided tremendous suffering by simply relinquishing his religion and thereby becoming an indistinguishable part of humanity. The reason why he did not take this easy way out was not because of a desire to preserve a rather dubious nationalism but because he wished to safeguard an infinitely deeper theology which is of supreme importance to all peoples. In their endeavor to keep aflame the torch of the spirit, the finest minds in Jewry's history used many means, among them was nationalism. In other words, contrary to the theory quoted in the first paragraph, it is nationalism that has been the means to safeguard the purist re-

ligious system of all times.

The Jew desired to return to Israel not to possess a State for its own sake but to have a secure place from whence could go forth the word of the Lord. If we build an Israel which does not cause the principles of Torah to flourish then we have betrayed our ancestry and our posterity and the result will be what the rest of the world has so long attempted—the destruction of Judaism.

Howbeit, I feel confident that the naturally shallow thinking of youth will not prevail in Israel and that Israel shall be a light and a power in the world of the spirit forever.

EUGENE FRIEDBERG  
New York, N. Y.

### Holland Jews Total 25,372, Report Shows

AMSTERDAM—(WNS)—The Jewish population in Holland, organized in 32 communities, is estimated at 25,372, according to informed sources here.

The Amsterdam Jewish community, estimated at close to 10,000, maintains an elementary school attended by 250 children and a high school with 160 registrants. Rabbi Prinz, Mizrahi leader, is the head of the Jewish schools. He recently organized and opened a number of Jewish schools throughout the country, where over 200 children are receiving religious training. Over 800 Dutch Jews emigrated to Israel within the past six months.

### Questions Spellman Talks on Jerusalem

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

The JTA News of May 8th, in its report on the meeting between Cardinal Spellman and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, reveals the information that the two men were brought together through the good offices of President Harry Truman, supposedly, for the purpose of discussing and, where possible, to clear up some of the issues involving the status of Jerusalem. Presuming that this report is without error, then I believe that it is within the right-full domain of the citizenry of both nations to inquire of their respective Presidents, and demand that they explain the compulsion which prompted them to ignore historically established protocol.

Cardinal Spellman, while holding a high position in the church of his faith has, so far as international diplomatic problems are concerned, no more authoritative standing than any sexton in the Synagogue. And his personal opinion regarding such matters are no more deserving of special appraisal than the opinion of any other private citizen. Jerusalem, now that its status has become an issue, is equally the concern of all Christian groups, the Protestant as well as the Catholic. Neither is Jewry simply an innocent by-stander.

What, then, behooved the President of the United States, the nation which grants equal recognition to all citizens regardless of their Church positions, and is dedicated to impartial consideration in matters of religious to offer himself as an instrument designating the Catholic Church in the person of Cardinal Spellman, as the only interested party? And what, also, behooved the President of the State of Israel, here only as an unofficial visitor, to step down out of his role for the purpose of discussing a strictly U. N. issue with a private citizen of the host State? Furthermore, since propriety was dispensed with, why not accord the same regard to individuals of other interested religious denominations?

LILLIAN REZNICK OTT  
Chicago

### Britain Gives Loan For Arab DP Transfer

LONDON—(JTA)—The British Government has granted an interest-free loan of \$4,000,000 to Transjordan to finance immediate development work necessary for the resettlement of Arab refugees who cannot be repatriated, Christopher Mayhew, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced in Commons.

### 300th Anniversary Of Jews In Mass.

BOSTON—(NJP)—Tuesday, May 3, was the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Jews in Massachusetts.

The first Jew to whom reference is made in records was Solomon Franco who on May 3, 1649, was permitted to settle temporarily pending his return to Holland.

### 102 Communities In West Germany

MUNICH—(JTA)—There are 102 Jewish communities in existence in the western zones of Germany, it was revealed here in a report issued by the Bavarian Statistical Office. Fifty-seven of the communities are in the British zone, while the remainder are in the French and American areas.

### PROCESS U. S. COMMUNITIES FINANCE FAMILY HOUSING PROJECTS FOR ISRAEL

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

There are unmistakable signs that a crisis is shaping up. Unless new homes will become available at double or triple the rate at which these are now completed, the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency will soon be face to face with one of the most difficult decisions ever called upon to make, namely the necessity of placing a curb on immigration.

This is not an imaginary fear. It is substantiated by a dispatch in the April 24th issue of the New York TIMES from its correspondent in Tel Aviv; by a statement of Chief Rabbi Herzog a week ago upon his arrival in this country and by a number of other reports less explicit but no less strongly hinting that this step is under continuous consideration. It would be nothing less than a calamity if the Jewish Government would by extreme necessity be forced to limit immigration and close the gates, even temporarily, to Jews who for years survived solely on the hope of reaching Eretz Yisrael. It would be a blot on World Jewry and the World Zionist movement if in this year of great achievement and still greater opportunity they would fail to hold out the torch of liberty to Israel's sons and daughters whose one desire it is to rebuild their lives in the Jewish Homeland.

The problem is principally a financial one. Its solution lies in making sufficient funds available so that the number of building projects constantly underway can be stepped up to double or threefold. Manpower, land and materials are abundant. The large building organizations in Israel are able to expand their operations on a very considerable scale. The Israeli Government, the Jewish Agency, the National and Labor Institutions have, however, about reached the limit of the funds which they can set aside for the financing of home building. Only private capital can now alleviate the critical situation.

American Jewry should feel that this is a challenge to the largest and most prosperous Jewish community in the world and that on it rests the responsibility to step in the breach and supply this needed capital on an investment basis. Hundreds of millions of dollars are needed if they are to be adequate for the herculean task to provide for the estimated one million repatriates who are expected to arrive within the next four or five years. These invested funds will earn annual dividends or interest, depending on the form of the investment. The funds will be returned to the investor after a certain number of years or at his option be made into permanent.

### Seeks Pulpit

Modern Rabbi, excellent cantor, teacher, organizer, youth leader, well qualified and experienced, seeks change of pulpit with progressive congregation. Write Dept. AG, National Jewish Post, Box 1633, Indianapolis 6, Ind.

ment investment. The quality of the investment vies with the best anywhere offered and is fully secured. The credit and honor of the Jewish Nation and World Jewry is back of it.

Every community should seriously consider its manifest obligation to form one or more groups to underwrite the financing of a specific project of a number of family units. The funds can be invested with existing organizations here and in Israel or groups can deal directly with any of the building organizations in Israel. I am preparing a detailed memorandum which fully describes the mode of operation and financing, cost of building, security and earnings of the investment. To those who are interested I will gladly send a copy and I am furthermore prepared to assist them in every possible manner.

We must deal with the growing crisis before it has gone beyond control and before the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency are forced to act. Immediate action is of the utmost importance. I will respond immediately to letters and telegrams directed to the address below.

ARNO WRZLOWSKY

Ed. Note: Interested readers may write to Mr. Wrzlofsky at 50 E. 18th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

### 62,600 Jewish DPs Come To U.S. Since '46

NEW YORK—(WNS)—A total of 62,000 Jewish immigrants, the majority of them displaced persons, reached the United States between May, 1946, and April, 1949, according to a survey made public this week by United Service for New Americans in connection with the nation-wide observance of "I Am An American Day."

This figure includes 6,245 Jewish DPs who came to the United States under the provisions of the DP Act of 1948. The remainder entered the country under the Truman Directive and under regular immigration laws.

### New Pulpit Wanted

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## The World Of Books

### ALEICHEM'S GHETTO TALES KNIT MODERN JEW TO VANISHED PAST

*Tevye's Daughters*, by Sholom Aleichem, translated by Frances Butwin, 302 pages, Crown Publishing Co., \$3.

By WARD MOORE

AFTER a cultural era ends there is often an intellectual and emotional preoccupation with some of its aspects. Frequently this takes an ambivalent form, shamefacedly denying or ignoring ties and similarities between the present and this past, or romantically cherishing its values and reading new meanings into what was commonplace. On the literary side, novels are laid in the irrecoverable period, its turns of phrase are exploited, and the writers who flowered within it are mentioned with respect.

We are now far enough away from the world of Sholom Aleichem to look back upon it in this way. The rusticity and innocence of Kasrilevka embarrasses us. Tevye the milkman, Kopel the cobbler, Aleck the mechanic; the yeshiva bochers, matchmakers, moneylenders, beadles, healers with beards, earlocks and gabardines, full of superstitions of the evil eye and of the ever ready goodness of the Holy One, blessed be He—can these be our forefathers? Are we, superior American doctors, dentists, lawyers, businessmen, authors, really so close to this inelegant life? This is the reaction on its most elementary plane; let us put Kasrilevka out of mind and memory and assume that our ancestors went straight, if not from Sura and Pumbeditha, at least from western Europe, to the Bronx. The four centuries in Poland and Russia never existed; we are not so much ashamed of, as discounted by them. How could humble piety and quiet acceptance of the study of Talmud and Torah content a people capable of producing an Einstein, a Freud, a Trotsky, a



Walter Winchell and a Louis B. Mayer? Who is Tevye the milkman next to Gabriel Heatter or Moe Annenberg?

The other aspect of this ambivalence finds expression in collecting and preserving mementoes. How quaint! we exclaim, looking back detachedly on Kasrilevka, how charming! We are thoroughly sophisticated, genial agnostics, Americans of Jewish descent, who can view with complacent appreciation the oddities of Sholom Aleichem's characters in much the spirit we look upon the antiques which grace our livingrooms or the hooked rugs on our bedroom floors.

Whether Yiddish is a dying language is, of course, disputable. I have heard it is or was one of the official tongues of Birobidjan, and that the Soviet government encourages the production of literature in it—so long as the author follows the party line. Even if Yiddish should survive this burden as well as the weight of official Hebrew in Israel and atrophy in the United States, it cannot be denied that the culture which produced Sholom Aleichem belongs to the past. Hence the excellent work of Maurice Samuel and the painfully anxious translations of Mrs. Butwin and her late husband are in the nature of a nostalgic look backward rather than an exposition of living literature.

There is no reason to suppose that Sholom Aleichem would object. He himself was constantly aware that the world of which he wrote was a vanishing or at least a rapidly changing, one. Indeed, one of the stories in the present collection is sub-headed, "Sketches of Disappearing Types"; others are deliberately laid in the past, as though their fleeting atmosphere could only so be preserved. And the last story in the Tevye cycle is significantly one of exodus.

Besides, Sholom Aleichem was fascinated by the color, and presumably by the symbolism of the railway journey. Many of his stories take place within this framework; all those in which Tevye relates the marriage of his daughters use it to introduce them. Now when a man takes a train he leaves the past behind and embarks for the future. Consciously or unconsciously, Sholom Aleichem was always leaving Kasrilevka behind; looking wistfully back out of the window perhaps, yearning for it, but inevitably seeing it fade as the engine pulled

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## German Audience

### Jeers Auschwitz Film

VIENNA—Members of a German audience at a showing of a Polish film on the Auschwitz concentration camp where more than 1,000,000 Jews were murdered, laughed and yelled insulting remarks last week.

Police were finally called in to restore order.

away from the station.

Still, Kasrilevka existed, yes and Yehupetz and Boiperik too, in more than Sholom Aleichem's imagination. True, not all Jews stopped there; many escaping from the mad gentile fury characterizing the enlightenment and dawning culture of the Renaissance came no closer than Italy, the Rhineland, or the Muslim countries. But by the peculiar bookkeeping of the Diaspora, Kasrilevka belongs to all Jews, Sephardim and Ashkenazim, those who accept the invitation to escape persecution by migrating beyond the vistula as well as those who did not. From Kasrilevka, from that part which emigrated, from that part existing only in the hearsay of Jews living elsewhere, from that part martyred by Haman, sprang the invigorating impulse which today sends us toward life.

One of the most salient symptoms of this impulse is the Jewish sense of dramatic rhythm, the Jewish bent toward irony. It is this irony ("... he collected for the poor from the poor...") which distinguishes the stories in "Tevye's Daughters." Like all Jewish humor, it is never pointless, never funny for the sake of being funny, never without bite.

The schlimazels suffer their misfortunes so that we may realize what we must never forget on pain of assimilation: what it means to be a Jew in little as in big things. Our smile at Tevye the milkman is a wry one, for in spite of our polish and his innocence, there, by the grace of God indeed, go we.

Mrs. Butwin's translation is valiant and painstaking. I only wish she had relaxed her reverence for the original a little, been a trifle freer, bolder, careless, less diffident. To take a single example, I wish she had used the phrase in translation which has now, thanks to Fred Allen, become an American colloquialism: "You should excuse the expression" rather than the dull and leaden, "Please pardon my mentioning it."

In spite of the defects of translation Sholom Aleichem manages to come through the barriers of language and conventions of speech. Tevye's misquotations and verbal bumbblings are largely lost, but many more important aspects remain. "... give my greetings to all our friends and tell them not to worry. Our ancient God still lives!"

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## Jews In Sports

### HOLMAN SAYS ISRAEL NEEDS ALL KINDS OF SPORTS TEACHERS

By HASKELL COHEN

ISRAEL'S greatest sports need is for trained instructors, additional equipment, and increased facilities, according to City College basketball coach, Nat Holman, recently returned from a three-week stay in Israel, where



he went at the invitation of the government to inaugurate a basketball program.

Holman's trip was the first in a series that will see leading American sports figures go to Israel to encourage the growth of sports, according to Judge Samuel Liebowitz, chairman of the US-Israel Sports Committee which sponsored the trip.

Holman found basketball to be the number one sport in Israel with swimming and soccer following. He estimated that close to 80 percent of the country's youth had played the sport.

Spending 21 days in Israel, Holman worked five hours a day with a select group of 40, teaching them the fine points of the game.

(During the basketball season, Holman usually holds a 2-hour daily session for his CCNY five.)

The players use our rules and are of average height with the men of 6-2 or 6-3 considered 'big.' When he arrived, Holman found that all used the zone defense, a carry-over from their soccer background with its set defensive play.

"The Israelis," he said, "were all tough and rugged, hardened by their work in the fields. They played without taking time out and looked as if they could keep going indefinitely."

Most of the basketball in Israel is played outdoors on concrete courts and the climate is ideal, he said, permitting the game to be played for 7 or 8 months in the year.

Great progress was made, Holman believes, in the short time he was there, but first-rate instruction on a permanent basis is badly needed. The 40 men who took his course are going to the different settlements and pass on what they learned, acting as instructors and coaches in turn, Holman added.

While in Israel, Holman visited five of the leading cities, including Tel Aviv, and was at seven settlements.

"I saw a great love of sports among the people," he said, "but they have been too busy protecting and developing their land to play. However, they hope to establish a widespread sports program so that the youngsters can have some fun while getting their physical training."

AFTER 12 plush years in the boxing saddle of Madison Square Garden, Mike Jacobs has been deposed as king of fistiana. The ironical part of his abdication is that the man who benefited most from Mike's promotion, Joe Louis, was responsible for the forced resignation of the aged ticket speculator. Louis' Chicago group succeeds Jacobs as the Garden's partners in fight ventures.

The once famous Twentieth Century Sporting Club is a thing of the past.

Perhaps many will think Jacobs got a bad deal by the Garden management. Some will think he was pushed out unfairly. Jacobs will not be among those. Mike "died" in boxing the way he lived. He pushed others out and when his usefulness was out-lived he was given the treatment he gave so often to others.

As a business man Jacobs was a ruthless, cruel man. There are those who will tell you he was just a mean, crusty operator at all times. We are inclined to agree with this thinking. But one thing we must say for the retired promoter, he put zing into the game when it needed it most. He gave Joe Louis a chance and saw the retired champ bring prosperity to the fight game.

Jacobs knew how to hustle a dollar and thought little about rolling up his sleeves and pitching in with the help and put over some of the smaller tasks involved in promoting fights. It wasn't an uncommon sight on big fight nights to see the Rumson, N. J., squire direct traffic near the Yankee Stadium. "Over this way to the bleachers," he would shout. Fans often mistook him for one of the many bystanders who appear on fight nights to make a buck or two extra for the week.

## England Still Refuses De Jure Recognition

LONDON—Great Britain indicated this week that no de jure recognition will be extended to Israel, despite elevation to membership in the United Nations for the Jewish State.

The British Foreign Office reported the stand in connection with an agreement by the two states to raise the status of their respective representatives in Tel Aviv and London to that of ministers and their offices to legations.

In making the announcement, the British Foreign Office said that the two Governments "have not discussed any change in the present basis of relationship between the two countries," which now stands at de facto recognition.

## Central Location Index Suspends Operations

NEW YORK — (JTA) — The Central Location Index, set up in 1944 as a central clearing house for Jewish and non-Jewish displaced persons seeking and being sought by relatives throughout the world, has suspended operations, it was announced this week. Approximately 50,000 locations were made by the Index since its inception, the agency's final report declared. Of these, 40,000 survived the war while the remaining 10,000 were victims of the Nazis.

MUNICH — (JTA) — The Hamburg legislative council has adopted a law indemnifying political, religious and racial persecutees for sufferings endured under the Nazi regime. Hamburg thus became the second German district to adopt such a measure.

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Get busy now, because this contest will last for only two weeks. Entries must be sent by July 1, 1949.

## THE TALE OF THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Translated from the Hebrew Sippurim Kallim

By EDWARD HOROWITZ

IN the heart of the Emek section of Israel stands a wonderful village. As a matter of fact, there is no village like it anywhere else in the world—it's the children's village, and there we can find hundreds of boys and girls.

They are orphans—with no fathers or mothers. In the hearts of these youngsters are kept memories of blood and tears. Their eyes have seen their parents killed and their ears have heard the cries of all those who were tortured.

They were brought to the Emek, or Valley of Jezreel, from all parts of Europe.

I had heard many stories about the children's village, and I promised myself that I would go and see it with my own eyes. Two weeks before the festival of Passover, I hiked from the city of Haifa to the heart of the Emek.

By noontime, I approached the village. It was amazing. Everywhere I turned, I saw only young people and children.

I went up to one boy, who seemed to be about 14 years-old. After we said "Shalom" to each other, I explained that I was from America. I asked him if he would be good enough to show me around the village.

"It will be a pleasure," he answered.

For two long hours, I walked

with him around and through the village. I saw beautiful fields, homes, dining halls, a school, and buildings for the animals and birds. And during this time, I did not see one grown-up—just children.

"Isn't there one man or woman here?" I asked my guide.

He laughed.

"This is a children's village, isn't it? Yes, we have five men here—the director and teachers. But we ourselves manage everything," he answered.

His eyes lit up with pride as he spoke these words.

"And what will you do when you grow up?" I asked.

His answer was short and beautiful.

"All of us will become pioneers with the builders of the new state of Israel."

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was able to add another Israeli stamp to my collection, too!

The letter described the joyful celebration in the Jewish state on the day that the first parliament, called Knesset, in 2,000 years, was officially opened. It was exciting reading about that great day in modern Jewish history.

"At 9 o'clock in the morning, thousands of the city's children paraded with their school banners, waving Israel flags. As I watched them I could not help thinking of you, and how you too must be sharing this happiness, even though from far off.

"The children marched past the Jewish Agency where the Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion reviewed them. He stood on the decorated balcony and addressed the children... the children cheered. The bands played. And then one great swell of music passed over the crowds, thousands of people for many blocks raised their voices and sang "Hatikvah" and the white and blue flags of our country fluttered in the wind."

That must have been wonderful to see, don't you think? The letter goes on to tell all about the first president of Israel, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who recently visited our country.

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After I finished reading this letter, I said to myself: "I'm certain that our Junior Post readers would love to correspond with children in Israel!"

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## Many Plan to Stay in Germany But U.S. Relief Groups Think Only of DPs

## German Jews Could Be Organized As Reform Group, Says U.S. Rabbi

BERLIN—An American Reform rabbi said this week that there is a substantial Reform element in the German Jewish community which does not intend to emigrate and which is getting no help in rebuilding communal life from existing Jewish relief organizations.

Rabbi Steven S. Schwarzschild made the statement in a letter to Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president-emeritus of Hebrew Union college, of which the Berlin stationed rabbi is a graduate.

He said that the relief organizations, particularly the American Joint Distribution Committee, were geared only to help the DPs, most of them Orthodox. He argued that the organizations had neither the outlook nor interest to help the non-Orthodox remnant which planned to rebuild communal life in Germany and other parts of Western Europe.

"It is extremely important to let American Jewry know that there are Jews in Europe, and in Germany particularly who, though not orthodox and not Eastern European, are most decidedly Jews," the rabbi said.

He said the Joint Distribution Committee, both in Europe and in America, "is staffed by people who, by their descent and their entire outlook, have tended to consider Jewish Europe only that part of it which corresponded to their own particular form of Jewish life."

"This organization must be insistently reminded by liberal (reform) American Jewry that its task is not over when the DP problems have been solved one way or the other," Rabbi Schwarzschild said.

He cited the Berlin community as an example, asserting that more than 65 per cent of the membership was liberal.

He said his task as a religious leader was aggravated by the fact that foreign relief organizations, particularly those from the U. S., "have directed their work and the interests of their supporters in America exclusively to the so-called DPs, i.e., on the whole to Orthodox Jews.

"Now that this aspect of European Jewish life is gradually but surely being eliminated they do not know how to cope with another aspect whose existence they have so far almost completely neglected and which they are not at all sure can justifiably be called Jewish at all."

The young rabbi said he was convinced that "those Jews who do not want or who can not emigrate or who are married to people who were not born as Jews, also form part of our community, a part, furthermore, which will constitute a new and potentially fruitful element."

"The weight and the views of Orthodoxy hang heavily upon this community; it tries to deal with an unprecedented situation with completely conventional means," he said.

He said American Reform Jewry had a "tremendous obligation" in the German-Jewish situation and that "no narrow considerations, no prejudices and certainly no indifference on the part of American Jewry, such as that of the JDC, should be allowed to prevent the development of a renaissance Jewish community."

## 600 JEWS HELD FOR 'ZIONISM' IN THREE FOUL EGYPTIAN CAMPS

PARIS—(JTA)—There are 600 Jews imprisoned on charges of "Zionism" in three camps in Egypt, it was learned here this week on the basis of reports from the Arab state. At one time or another there have been more Jews in the camps, but some have been released because they are not of Egyptian nationality while others have been incarcerated.

The situation of some 50 of the Jews in one camp is particularly bad. The detention center, at El Tor, is crowded with 1,400 persons. The food is miserable and the guards are brutal. The temperature varies from 116 degrees at mid-day to almost freezing at night.

There is no regular water supply and the inmates of the camp must dig holes in the ground in search of water. Sanitary facilities are primitive and most of the prisoners suffer from dysentery; there is no hospital and only one nurse for the entire camp.

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## Goldstein May Be Replacement

## Actions Body Accepts as Final Resignation Of Silver-Neumann

JERUSALEM—The World Zionist Actions committee, unable to persuade Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann to withdraw their resignations from the American section of the Jewish Agency, has decided to fill the vacant seats with other members of the Zionist Organization of America, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported this week.

The decision was reached after a telephone call to New York and after a cable arrived from the two ZOA leaders, asking Israeli General Zionists to halt their efforts to return the two to the Agency.

Silver and Neumann resigned last February in protest against the decision of a plenary session of the Jewish Agency in New York to accept Henry



Goldstein as the boss of the 1949 United Jewish Appeal drive.

One proposal considered in the question of replacement was to place either Izhak Gruenbaum or Abraham Granovsky, world head of the Jewish National Fund, on the executive in Jerusalem, and transfer Dr. Israel Goldstein to the American section, the JTA reported.

Goldstein resigned as national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, to serve for a year as treasurer of the Jewish Agency in Israel. He is a former president of the ZOA.

## Propose Fund Merger

Previously the financial, organizational and immigration committees of the Actions committee, highest body in world Zionism between sessions of the World Zionist Congress, met to set up a policy.

The organizational committee heard a recommendation for a merger of the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund.

The committee recommended that the forthcoming World Zionist Congress be postponed until May or June of next year. It is scheduled for this year in Jerusalem.

An Agency proposal to build a radio station in Jerusalem powerful enough to be beamed to all parts of the world was approved.

The role of non-Zionist Jews in the absorption of immigration and the development of Israel was the center of a heated debate last week, the JTA reported.

The recent battle in the U.S.

centering around the 1949 UJA, when the ZOA was stripped of control of the United Palestine Appeal, was in the center of the debate.

## Morgenthau No Zionist

Gruenbaum called Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general-chairman of the 1949 UJA, "a good friend," but added he "would not entrust the fate of Zionism to him." Gruenbaum is former minister of the interior and a General Zionist.

Rabbi Samuel Brot, American Mizrahi leader, without mentioning Dr. Silver by name, appealed to the Actions committee to "preserve Zionism's moral standards and vigor and not expel an old, faithful veteran for several millions of dollars."

Levi Eshkol, head of the Immigration department of the Jewish Agency and a Laborite, defended the role of the non-Zionists. He criticized Rabbi Brot for placing "moral Zionist fervor, on the one side, and non-Zionism and unfaithfulness, on the other."

Eshkol said there was no evidence for ZOA charges that the non-Zionists "will desert when the Zionist tide turns."

Baruch Zuckerman, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, also took up the cudgels for the non-Zionists. He denied allegations that those now heading the United Jewish Appeal are anti-Zionists.

## LZOA Joins Dbate

"The fact is that they often abandon their businesses and devote all of their time to the collection of funds for Israel," Zuckerman said. "This shows they are good and faithful Zionists."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who was named acting chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency when foes of the ZOA took it over following the resignation of Silver and Neumann, also backed the non-Zionists.

He said the decision of the Agency executive to accept Morgenthau's terms saved the UJA's campaign in 1939.

"The imposition of the will of individual personalities upon the Zionist movement is not admissible," Goldmann said. "I fought it in the past and will fight it in the future."

## Philadelphia Vet Says Rabbinate Barred Plans For Kosher Butcher Shop; Appeals To Truman

PHILADELPHIA—A World War II veteran, who wants to be a Kosher butcher but claims he has been refused approval and supervision by the local rabbinate, has appealed to President Truman for help, it was reported last week.

The Philadelphia Jewish TIMES reported that Charles Sussman, the veteran, sent telegrams to the President, to Rabbi Eliezer Silver, president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis and to the chief rabbi of New York.

The weekly reported that Chambers Hamill, chief of the small business section of the anti-trust division of the U. S. Department of Justice was in the city last week and interviewed Sussman, various persons in the Kosher meat industry and some members of the Philadelphia Rabbinate.

Representatives of the Middle Atlantic division of the Justice Department, which has been investigating the kosher meat situation here, intensified their probe, the TIMES reported.

Sussman, in his telegram, charged he was being discriminated against and that he was considering a civil suit for damages.

He told the Philadelphia weekly that circulars were distributed in the neighborhood when he opened his butcher shop, which he operates with his father. He said they were printed in English and Yiddish and bore a message for potential customers. The TIMES story did not indicate the nature of the message.

Asked whether any explanation had been given him for the refusal of approval and rabbinical supervision, he told the weekly he had received no explanation.

## Eisendrath Hits Tolerance As Evil

National Jewish Post  
CHICAGO—A national convention of military chaplains this week heard Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath denounce "tolerance" as a state of mind



that complacently allowed the slaughter of 6,000,000 European Jews. Rabbi Eisendrath joined three other religious leaders in a panel discussion of "From Tolerance to Friendship." While all speakers praised the value of inter-religious friendship, the president of the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations was alone in his blast.

"We have smugly accepted tolerance as a virtue," he said. "But tolerance implies, first, a gratuitous, begrudging grant of concessions to inferiors, and second, an acceptance of the status quo rather than a desire to correct wrongs."

He listed restrictive conventions, college quotas, acceptances of slums and job discriminations as undesirable aspects of "tolerance."

## Broadening of UPA Finally Completed

National Jewish Post  
NEW YORK—A meeting of the United Palestine Appeal board last week accepted a formula for community representation that developed from the fight which ended in loss of control of the UPA by the Zionist Organization of America.

The formula, worked out by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds provided for 40 per cent local communal representation on the UPA, largest constituent agency of the United Jewish Appeal.

Of the 120 man board, 48 will come from communities. Twenty will come from 20 communities of 20,000 and more Jewish population. Twelve will come from eight regions comprising 23 cities, 10 from New York and two each from Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Chicago.

The Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, which together make up the United Palestine Appeal, have 72 members on the board.

The agreement worked out by the CJFWF ended the threat late last year of a separate fund drive for Israel by the Committee of Contributors, a group of large givers organized in opposition to UPA control by the ZOA. (NJP, Dec. 10, 1948).

## STEINBRINK HEADS ADL

NEW YORK — Justice Meier Steinbrink of New York was re-elected for his fourth successive term this week as president of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

## British Chief Rabbi Attacks Reform as Threat to Judaism

LONDON—The Chief Rabbi of England warned this week that non-Orthodox elements in British Jewry would destroy Judaism in England if all Orthodox elements did not unify their forces for a fight for traditional ways.

Rabbi Israel Brodie made the statement last week at a three-day Conference of Anglo-Jewish Preachers in defending a ruling on issuance of marriage certificates which led to a walkout of Reform Jews from the British Board of Deputies.

The conflict developed over a resolution which would have empowered the president of the board to appoint marriage registrars for Reform synagogues.

The motion was beaten after heated debate on the grounds that the Board of Deputies charter recognizes only Orthodox Judaism and that therefore marriage registrars could be appointed only by rabbinical authorities—the Chief Rabbi and the Beth Din (rabbinical court).

## Chief Rabbi Intervened

The Chief Rabbi said he had been asked for and had given a decision which he said had some influence in defeating the proposed amendment.

He said he was disturbed by the fact that some members of the Orthodox communities represented on the Board of Deputies had decided not to follow his advice.

He said those who adhere to the Orthodox interpretation must support the authority of the Chief Rabbi.

He said a unified Orthodoxy was needed to fight against secularism, indifference, and against an aggressive attitude in those who spoke in the name of "Progressive Judaism."

Unless the Orthodox stood together and were prepared to fight for their views, the Chief Rabbi said, then far from his being charged with splitting the community, it would be the Reform movement that would destroy and disrupt British Judaism.

## Israel Must Cooperate

He also commented on the au-

## British Rabbis Urge Sanhedrin

LONDON — (JTA) — Establishment of a Sanhedrin or high tribunal for the first time in almost 2,000 years of Jewish history was proposed here at a conference of Anglo-Jewish rabbis.

The Rev. Harris Swift of London proposed that the conference adopt a resolution urging on the rabbinate the desirability of convening an authoritative synod of rabbis to consider the codes of Jewish law and, in accordance with traditional principles, interpret them in the light of present-day requirements "so that the Torah may once again live in the fullness of the Jewish state and the world."

authority of the Chief Rabbinate in Israel and issued a warning that in respect to efforts to establish any world center of Jewish law interpretation, "there must be consultation and advice must be sought."

"Otherwise we are not going to have that authority in Judaism which is considered to be paramount," he said.

## ON THEIR WAY

LA PAZ, Bolivia (JTA) — A group of 29 Jewish youths, ranging in age from 16 to 36 and including eight girls, left here for Israel as members of a Youth Aliyah contingent. They were bade farewell by delegations from Jewish organizations in this country at the railroad station.

A total of \$3,250,000 was received by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater N. Y. at a series of dinners here this week.

## ISRAEL STARTS FOOD RATIONING—AUSTERITY TO COVER CLOTHING

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV—(JTA)—The Israeli Government announced this week that food rationing will be introduced throughout the country under the austerity program approved by the Knesset this week. The new food ration will restrict the population to a daily consumption of 360 grams of bread, 58 grams of sugar, 25 grams of meat and a monthly consumption of 12 eggs.

Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Food and Supply, told representatives of the press that the monthly consumption of food under the new austerity diet will cost about six pounds—or approximately \$18—per capita. He expressed certainty that the restricted diet will improve public health.

Ration books covering the provisions of the new program will be issued within a month's time, the Minister said. Clothing and shoes will also be rationed, he added. The government is now studying means of absorbing the purchasing power created by the "austerity" measures and a proposal to that end will soon be pre-

sented to the Knesset, the Minister revealed.

Beginning next week restrictions will also be introduced on the use of electric current during certain daytime hours. Compulsory saving and additional taxation are being planned by the government among measures designed to absorb the purchasing power created by the food and clothing rationing program.

## CLAY GETS TORAH

BERLIN (JTA)—General Lucius D. Clay, U. S. Army commander in Germany, has received the first copy of the Talmud published in Germany since the end of the Nazi regime. The presentation was made by the Berlin Jewish Community.

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